


10. LGNZ (LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND) PAPER FOR WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, JOHANNESBURG



The Sustainable Christchurch Leader, Eric Park, submitted a report seeking input on a paper prepared by Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg.

The report suggested several changes to the draft paper.

As responses on the paper were required to be submitted to LGNZ by 16 August, the Committee endorsed the paper subject to the concerns listed in the staff report being noted by LGNZ. The Committee also approved the fixing of the signature of the President of Local Government New Zealand to the "*New Zealand Local Government Declaration on Sustainable Development*".

Discussion then took place on the question of the Council joining the International Council for Local Environment Initiatives. ICLEI is an international environmental agency for local authorities whose mission is to "*build and serve a world-wide movement of local governments to achieve tangible improves in global environmental and sustainable development conditions through cumulative local actions*". The Committee has requested the City Manager, in consultation with the Director of Policy, to investigate the merits of the Council joining ICLEI. Membership will be taken out in the event of both the City Manager and the Director of Policy being satisfied that the Council would benefit from belonging to this organisation.